

## FAMILY AND CHILD POVERTY

Children who live in poverty are at risk for a variety of difficulties, including health-related problems, school failure and delinquency. The indicators in this section provide a sense of the extent of economic need in Chesterfield County.

The estimated median income for Chesterfield County households in 2000 was \$65,058. This is 1.4 times greater than the average for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The average monthly caseload for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) had been decreasing over the past seven years, but increased by 25 percent in FY 2003 compared to FY 2002. The average monthly caseload for Medicaid also increased by 25 percent, as did the average number of food stamp participants per month.

The average monthly caseload for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) enrollment (a nutritional program for low-income women) increased by 7 percent between 2002 and 2003. The number of students approved to receive free lunches increased slightly between the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years. However, the percentage of Chesterfield County students approved to receive free and reduced-price lunches was half that of all students in Virginia.

The unemployment rate in Chesterfield County was 2.3 percent in the 2000 census.

### Family Income Chesterfield County 1980-1990-2000 U.S. Census Comparison

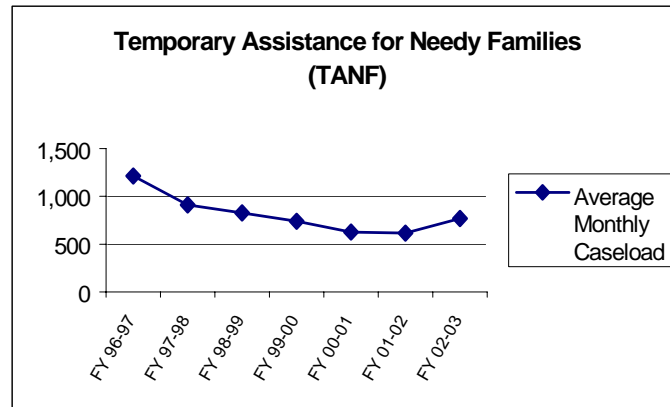
	1990 Census	2000 Census	Percent change
<b>Total families with children</b>	34,169	28,203	-17%
<b>Median income of families</b>	\$48,064	\$65,058	35%
<b>Families in poverty</b>			
<b>All family households</b>	2,050	2,417	18%
<b>Female-headed households</b>	1,196	1,389	16%

Source: Chesterfield County Planning Department

### Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)\*

	FY 96-97	FY 97-98	FY 98-99	FY 99-00	FY 00-01	FY 01-02	FY 02-03
<b>Average monthly caseload</b>	1,212	912	827	740	628	615	769

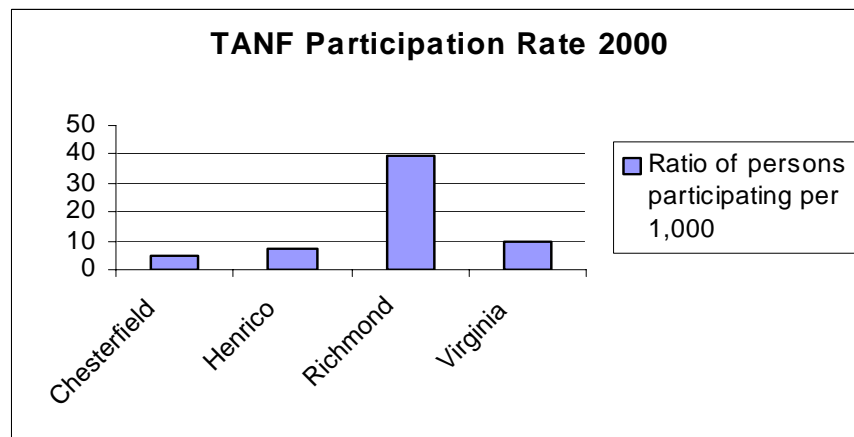
Source: Chesterfield County Department of Social Services



### TANF Participation Rate 2000

	Chesterfield	Henrico	Richmond	Virginia
<b>Ratio of persons participating in federal TANF program per 1,000</b>	4.7	7.4	39.5	10.0

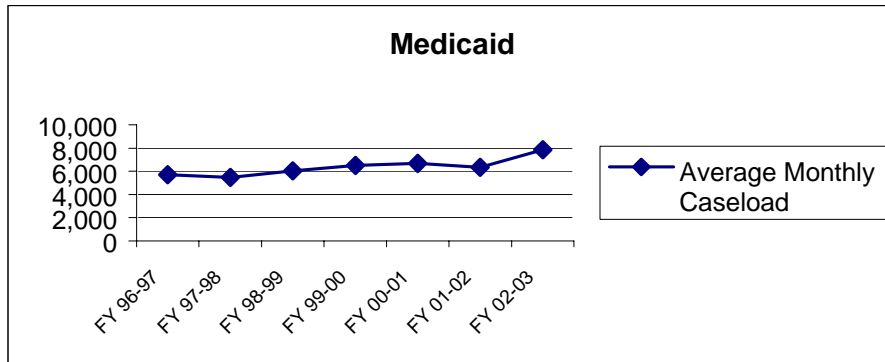
Source: Virginia Prevention Needs Assessment Social Indicator Database



**Medicaid**

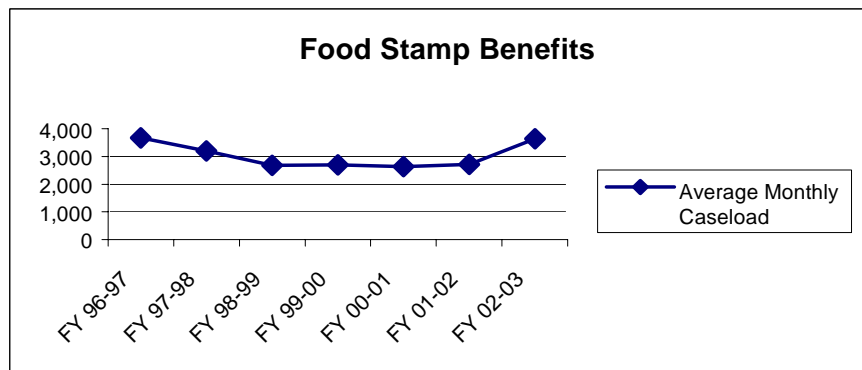
	FY 96-97	FY 97-98	FY 98-99	FY 99-00	FY 00-01	FY 01-02	FY 02-03
<b>Average monthly caseload</b>	5,706	5,463	6,031	6,507	6,684	6,327	7,852

Source: Chesterfield County Department of Social Services

**Food Stamp Benefits**

	FY 96-97	FY 97-98	FY 98-99	FY 99-00	FY 00-01	FY 01-02	FY 02-03
<b>Average monthly caseload</b>	3,676	3,207	2,679	2,693	2,628	2,707	3,638

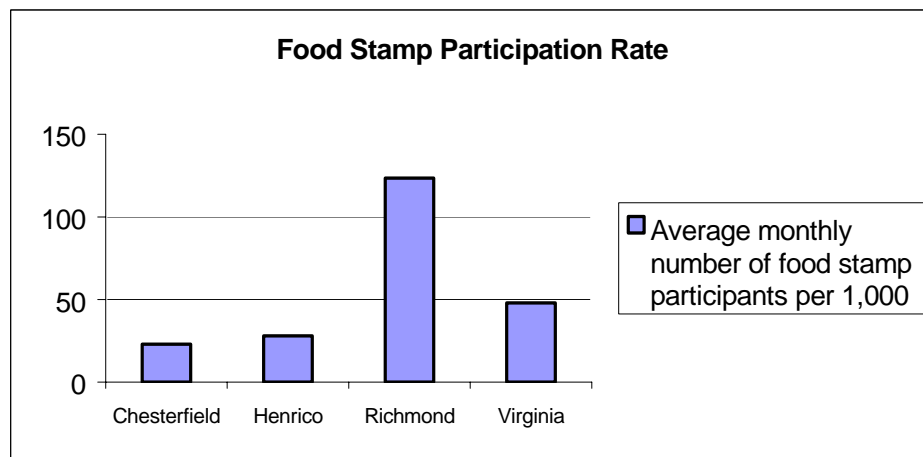
Source: Chesterfield Department of Social Services



### Food Stamp Participation Rate 2000

	Chesterfield	Henrico	Richmond	Virginia
Average monthly number of food stamp participants per 1,000	23.0	28.1	123.4	48.0

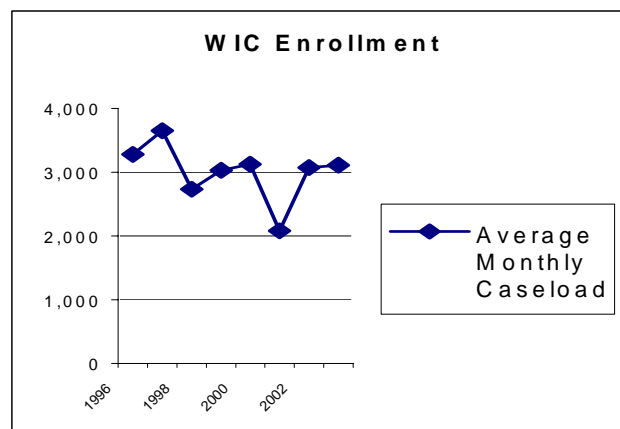
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### Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Enrollment

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Average monthly caseload	3,279	3,648	2,732	3,030	3,125	2,078	3,069	3,109

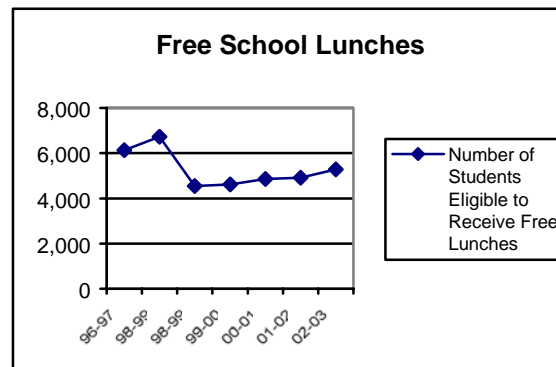
Source: Chesterfield County Department of Health



### Free School Lunches

	96-97	98-99	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03
<b>Number of students eligible to receive free lunches</b>	6,137	6,726	4,551	4,613	4,858	4,918	5,283

Source: Chesterfield County Public Schools



### Percentage of Students Participating in Free and Reduced Price Lunches 2001-2002

	Chesterfield	Henrico	Richmond	Virginia
<b>Percentage of students in public schools whose applications have been approved for free and reduced lunch prices</b>	13.21	18.83	56.33	24.25

Source: Virginia Prevention Needs Assessment Social Indicator Data Base

